

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Greef, on February 23, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Edward Greef, Chair (R)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch  
Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 520, 2/20/2017; HB 534, 2/20/2017; HB 548, 2/22/2017  
Executive Action on: HB 422; HB 520; HB 534; HB 548

**HEARING ON HB 548**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:13 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 548, Revise county zoning laws.

00:03:44 Rep. Webber joined the meeting

00:05:03 Rep. Kelker joined the meeting

**Proponents:**

00:06:01 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

**Opponents:**

00:11:28 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:17:10 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

00:18:31 Jay Bodner Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana CattleWomen (MCW)

00:19:54 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:20:49 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

00:22:24 Mark Baker, Weyerhaeuser, Julia Altemus

**Informational Witnesses:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:21 Rep. Fern

00:26:08 Eric Bryson, MACo

00:27:20 Rep. Mandeville

00:28:38 Rep. Hamilton

00:28:55 Rep. Mandeville

00:29:43 Eric Bryson, MACo

00:31:13 Rep. Usher

00:32:20 Jay Bodner, MSGA, MCW

00:33:07 Rep. Usher

00:33:39 Rep. Hamilton

00:34:04 Rep. Dunwell

00:36:24 Eric Bryson, MACo

00:37:08 Rep. Custer

00:37:36 Eric Bryson, MACo

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:38:50 Rep. Hamilton

**HEARING ON HB 520**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:42:51 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 520, Revise procurement laws for fire districts and service areas.

**Proponents:**

00:44:38 Lyn Stimpson, Montana City Volunteer Fire Department

00:47:27 Bruce Suenram, Hamilton Rural Fire District  
00:47:56 Leonard Lundby, Montana Fire Alliance  
00:48:15 Jim Dusenberry, Montana Fire Trustees Association  
00:48:47 Chief Ron Lindroth, Central Valley Fire District, Belgrade Fire Department

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Witnesses:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:51:24 Rep. Fitzgerald

### **HEARING ON HB 534**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:52:23 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 534, Revise municipal fire protection laws.

00:55:12 Rep. Curtis joined the meeting

**Proponents:**

00:58:03 Rep. Brodehl, Self  
01:00:14 Ted Barkley, Belgrade  
01:09:35 Chief Ron Lindroth, Central Valley Fire District, Belgrade Fire Department  
01:13:39 Ty Elliot, Trustees for Central Valley Fire Department  
01:14:23 Bruce Suenram, Hamilton Rural Fire District  
01:14:57 Kristine Menicucci, Belgrade

**Opponents:**

01:20:49 Derek Harvey, Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters (MSCOPFF)  
01:22:15 Rep. Karjala joined the meeting  
01:23:14 Dave Maslowski, Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters (MSCOPFF)

**Informational Witnesses:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:25:43 Rep. A. Hertz  
01:27:52 Ted Barkley, Belgrade  
01:28:27 Rep. Hayman  
01:29:00 Dave Maslowski, MSCOPFF  
01:30:01 Rep. Trebas  
01:30:34 Ted Barkley, Belgrade  
01:30:45 Rep. Custer  
01:33:31 Ted Barkley, Belgrade  
01:34:57 Rep. Fitzgerald  
01:36:54 Bruce Suenram, Hamilton Rural Fire District  
01:37:58 Rep. Usher  
01:38:26 Rep. Tschida

01:38:45 Chief Ron Lindroth, Central Valley Fire District, Belgrade Fire Department  
01:39:29 Rep. Usher  
01:40:06 Chief Ron Lindroth, Central Valley Fire District, Belgrade Fire Department

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:42:47 Rep. Tschida

01:47:13 Recessed

02:14:19 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 520**

02:15:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 520 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 548**

02:16:08 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 548 DO PASS**.

02:16:28 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Custer made a substitute motion that **HB 548 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 13-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 534**

02:18:39 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 534 DO PASS**.

02:18:50 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Curtis made a substitute motion that **HB 534 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 14-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Greef, Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Lavin, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. Skees, Rep. Trebas, Rep. Usher and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 422**

02:20:50 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 422 DO PASS**.

02:21:17 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **HB 422 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(loh40a01\)](#)

**Discussion:**

02:21:39 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:23:14 Rep. Garner

02:24:12 Rep. Webber

02:25:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 22-1 by voice vote with Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

02:25:45 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 422 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(loh40a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

02:26:40 Ginger Aldrich, LSD

02:27:33 Rep. Webber

02:27:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 22-1 by voice vote with Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

02:28:17 **Motion:** Rep. A. Hertz moved that **HB 422 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(loh40a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

02:28:30 Ginger Aldrich

02:29:02 Rep. A. Hertz

02:29:21 Rep. Webber

02:29:47 Rep. Custer

02:30:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

02:30:29 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 422 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

02:30:49 Rep. Usher

02:31:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 22-1 by voice vote with Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:35:35

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Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([loh40aad.pdf](#))**